

# **South Dakota**

## **LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER**

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### ***PORK PRODUCTION UP FROM LAST MONTH***

**SIOUX FALLS, October 22, 1999** -- Commercial red meat production for South Dakota totaled 82.5 million pounds during September. This was up 3 percent from last month but down 4 percent from one year ago, according to USDA's South Dakota Ag Statistics Service. For September, beef and sheep and lamb production were up from a year ago, while pork was down.

Commercial hog slaughter for South Dakota totaled 331,900 head during September compared to 380,900 head last year. Average live weight was 264 pounds, which was up 4 pounds from 1998. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 330,200 head, which was comprised of 38,800 sows and 291,400 barrows and gilts.

Commercial cattle slaughter for South Dakota totaled 24,300 head during September compared to 19,900 head last year. Average live weight was 1,409 pounds, which was up 77 pounds from 1998. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 22,200 head, which was comprised of 2,800 steers, 1,400 heifers, 13,900 cows, and 4,100 bulls.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter for South Dakota totaled 700 head during September compared to 200 head last year. Average live weight was 112 pounds, which was down 56 pounds from last year. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 600 head of lambs and yearlings.

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